# **ADVANCE IN PRICES** HITS GOVERNMENT

### Rear Admiral Griffin Explains the Increase of Expenses in Navy Yards.

### **COST OF MATERIALS NOTED**

How the high cost of living affects "Uncle Sam" in one banch of his establishment - the engineering bureau of the Navy Department-was explained to the House committee on naval affairs today by Rear Admiral Griffin. chief of that office. One instance he pointed out was the price now demanded for boiler plates. Formerly boiler plates could be obtained for 8 cents a pound, while now they are 12.4 cents a pound. Copper, worth normally 14 cents a pound, is selling for 231/2 cents

Admiral Griffin said that the fifteen Admiral Griffin said that the fifteen days' leave of absence given workmen in navy yards has increased the outlay for labor 5 per cent. In his bureau alone this item runs up to \$250,000 or \$300,000 a year in added expense.

The increase in the estimate for clerical hire in navy yards from \$801,876 to \$865,000 he attributed to increased wages and to additional force due to the new naval building program.

#### Wireless Station Improvements.

Questioned as to when the improvements at the various wireless stations will be completed, Admiral Griffin said the station at Santiago would be in operation on its increased capacity basis by January 1 and the stations at Honoluli and Cavite by July 1. He said a small deficiency might be incurred in this item owing to the increase in the price of ma-

A net reduction of \$10,000 in appropria tions for the improvement of machiner; plants was then discussed by the com-mittee and explained by Admiral Griffin. In the course of the hearing Chairman Padgett made the statement that the committee had not yet determined whether it will recommend a 32,000-ton battleship or a 36,000 or 40,000 ton ves-

#### Discusses New Construction.

Admiral Griffin told the committee that bids for the battle cruisers will be opened December 6 and that the awards for the battleships will probably be allotted this week. Contracts for eighteen destroyers have been for eighteen destroyers have been awarded and decision in two bids is being deferred. Chairman Padgett said he understood these two vessels will be built in government yards.

Admiral Griffin said that in regard to the submarines the preliminaries have been entered into and are under negotiation. One firm of builders demanded that the federal trade commission should determine disputes, and there is no warrant in law for such a course. There are other minor details of demands, he said, which the department does not care to grant.

#### Explosions Aboard Submarines.

Replying to a question by Mr. But ler of the commission, Admiral Griffin told of the reports of the boards which investigated the explosion on the submarine E-2, January 15, 1916. He said the final report reached the department only yesterday, and he had not read it. In the explosion four men were killed and nine injured by the explosion of the batteries, which was attributed to the formation of hydrogen gas, due to faulty ventilation.

# Twenty-One Knots Standard Speed.

Admiral Griffin told the committee that twenty-one knots has been adopt ed as the standard speed for battleships. This was decided upon because it had been found that greater speed of offense or defense. England, which had adopted higher speed, has fallen back upon twenty-one knots. He said that oil will be used exclusively as fuel in the new ships, and he thought there would be no return to coal, if the government ownership of the California oil lands, which it believes it possesses, is upheld.

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horsepower The former, he said, would be applied in a manner never before seen in the corkings of a marine engine. He said robbers' capture he thought it could be done safely.

## New Cruisers to Be Very Speedy.

The admiral said there are rumors that England is building a ship some what like the proposed series of Amernews of it has been received. The new battle cruisers, he said, would have four propellers and be very speedy.

Asked as to the submarines authorized by the naval appropriation act of March 3, 1915, Admiral Griffin said the L-1, L-2, L-3, L-4 had been delivered, but that there is battery trouble in them; the M-1 is not ready, but the N and O series "are coming on nicely." Manufacture of the new turbines on the North Dakota has begun at Brooklyn, he said, and will be ready in a lyn, he said, and will be ready in a year. The ship has had engine trouble and out of active service six officials and to the employes receiving low

Admiral Griffin said the ships appropriated for in the current act have all been "let" to contractors except the battle cruisers and scout ships. The fleet submarines, of the 20-knot type, are being bullt and satisfactory progress is being made, he said.

# Progress in Aeroplane Engine.

The admiral was asked as to progress made in developing a satisfactory aerogood 12-cylinder, 500-horsepower en-

He said he believed foreign manufacturers have produced better engines because they have used the finest possible materials; and that Americans have only recently awakened to the necessity of using the highest grade of steel and other metals.

The average life of an aero motor is eighty hours. I am told," said Chairman Padgett. "Has there been any improvement there?"

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To STUDY DAYLIGA

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with the account of bluejackets, he said, he was certain a majority had wives, mothers, sisters or other depend-ents at home, adding:
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are just about keeping even in recruit-ing now, and that condition will con-tinue while the present high wages

### More Pay Would Help.

navy pay would add to the recruiting. "Undoubtedly," answered the naval fficer, "but the pay question is not the only consideration."

He agreed later to submit sugges-tions as to improving the rate of re-

Admiral McGowan said that the cost of rations in the navy had increased. The average cost per man per day for rations in the first part of 1916 was 37.062 cents, but in the last quarter the average has risen to 38.975 cents.

### ANOTHER HEARING CALLED ON NEWS PRINT SITUATION

Federal Trade Commission Fixes December 12 for Further Probe Into Conspiracy Charges.

The federal trade commission today fixed December 12 as the date for another public hearing on the news print paper situation and invited manufacturers, jobbers, newspaper publishers and any others interested to appear.

The commission made no announceme oncerning the line of inquiry to be pursued, but it is generally believed the commission will go deeper into charges of conspiracy among manufacturers to raise

Members of the commission would only say today the hearings would de-velop along certain definite lines to disclose certain facts.

#### Paper Combination Alleged.

The date was selected after conerences with officers of the American Newspapers' Association, who, at a previous hearing, charged high prices a manufacturers' combination. Paper makers, who attribute high prices to a scarcity of material, also were consulted.

Investigators who have been at work for months now are ready to report and information they have gathered will be presented at the hearing. One publisher told the commission it was in much better position to develop facts than were the publishers.

#### HALF-HOLIDAY WEDNESDAY IN SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS

Several of the government department executives are planning to give the employes a half-holiday next Wednesday, Thanksgiving eve. There was a movement on foot today to get all of them to close. Those which have tentatively decided to close are the departments of State, Treasury, Companyed and Leber Heads of the other tentatively decided to close are the departments of State, Treasury, Companyed and Leber Heads of the other tentatively decided to close are the departments of State, Treasury, Companyed and Leber Heads of the other tentatively decided to close are the departments of State, Treasury, Companyed and Leber Heads of the other tentatively decided to close are the departments of State, Treasury, Companyed tentatively decided to close are the departments of State, Treasury, Companyed tentatively decided to close are the departments of State, Treasury, Companyed tentatively decided to close are the departments of State, Treasury, Companyed tentatively decided to close are the department of the bill take up consideration of the bill tomorrow or early next week. While they have not committed themselves in the matter, they ha merce and Labor. Heads of the other departments have not yet reached a deision in the matter.

The case of the Navy Department is complicated by the fact that the half-day holiday cannot be extended to the employes of the local navy yard except by presidential order. That is because most of the employes at the yard are in the per diem class.

The employes of all the executive departments, it is said, will receive the

## TRAIN ROBBED IN CHICAGO.

#### Bandits Get \$1,000 From Express Car in Heart of City.

CHICAGO, November 24.-Two ban dits last night held up the messenger on the express car of a Chicago and meals that cost not more than 40 cents Northwestern passenger train on the a day for each person have made a net

The railroad and the American Ex-press Company, which operated the car, each offered a reward of \$590 for the robbers' capture. Express company of-ficials asserted that the exact amount of the loot will not be determined until the contents of the safe have been checked, but intimated that about \$1,000 in cash was taken.

## RAISES WAGES 30 PER CENT.

#### Central Trust Company Meets High Cost of Living.

NEW YORK, November 24.-Based on an inquiry which disclosed that the employes of the Central Trust Company are paying from 25 to 35 per cent more for such life necessaries as food and clothing, a salary increase equivalent to from 30 to 31 per cent was announced by the Answering Representative Roberts, long as the high cost of living continues, demiral Griffin said the ships appro-

## More Than 3,000 Get Increase.

SHARON, Pa., November 24.-More than 3,900 men employed by independent steel concerns in this vicinity have been given an increase of 10 per cent in wages, effective December 15, and at made in developing a satisfactory aero-plane engine for the navy. He said a advance within the next few weeks, according to an official announcement

# Third Increase in Calendar Year.

MANCHESTER, N. H., November 24 .-The Amoskeag Manufacturing Comlargest in the nounced a raise in wages "substantially the same in amount as given in other textile cities in New England to take effect December 4." This is the third

# D. C. HEADS HEED MORE PAY APPEAL

Representative Kelley of Michigan asked if an increase in the scale of Consideration to Be Given Proposal for Graded Increase in District Service.

### BILL ALREADY DRAFTED

Consideration will be given by the District Commissioners before the opening of Congress to the appeal of District employes for a graded increase

bill to accomplish this result, oloyes' Union, has been presented to H. Hurley, chairman ex-officio of the

According to one of the District heads, whether their indorsement will be given the bill may depend partly upon the movement to obtain increased pay for employes of the federal departments. It is understood to be their belief that Congress would be more likely to give favorable consideration to a general proposal for increased pay for both federal and District employes.

for those receiving \$1,500 to \$2,000, and a 5 per cent increase for all employes receiving more than \$2,000. The bill also provides that all persons receiving sustenance and quarters from the District shall receive an increase of 5 per cent. Policemen, fremen and school teachers will not share in the benefits of the proposed legislain the benefits of the proposed legisla-tion, it being inferred that the organi-zations comprised of employes of these branches of the municipal service will lead; offer the interests of their memok after the interests of their mem-

#### Would Add \$444,596 to Pay Roll. It has been estimated that if the bill hould pass as drawn it would add a total of \$444,596 to the annual pay roll of the District, of which \$280,770 would go to per diem men, and that 3,528 em-

ployes would be benefited by the in-

reased pay.

# CHICAGO'S DIET SQUAD SHOWS GAIN IN WEIGHT

partments, it is said, will receive the remainder of their November salaries Twelve Men and Women Have Taken on Total of Eleven Pounds, Four Ounces.

> CHICAGO, November 24.-Members of Chicago's diet squad of six men and six women who are to live two weeks on

The bill of fare for luncheon consisted of beef and rice croquettes, peas and carrots, bread and butter, gingerbread and tea. The menu for dinner includes tomato soup, halibut steak, parsley, potatoes, bread and butter, cream tapioca pudding and tea.

oca pudding and tea.

Disguised as "beef and rice croquettes," hash appeared on the luncheon menu, but Dr. John Dill Robertson, health commissioner, admitted it was the left-over of Wednesday's beef pur-

## Will Be Tempted Tonight.

To test the satisfying power of the food which they have been eating, members of the squad will eat dinner tonight at a table adjoining one at which venison wi be served. The venison, a gift to Dr. Robertson and intended for the use of the squad, was held to be a luxury, which could not be included properly in the living test. Later the twelve dieters will attend the annual ball of the health department tonight, but they are forbidden

partment tonight, but they are forbiden to partake of refreshments.

Dr. Robertson has considered the matter of reducing the daily allotment to 35 cents for the purpose of making the proof even more conclusive. The members of the squad are enthusiastic over their experience and declare that they have felt as well nourished and satisfied with their meals as if they had lived at expensive cafes or even at their homes.

## SUBMARINE IS CAPTURED.

#### British Naval Forces Land Sailors and Officers at Italian Port.

MILAN, via. Paris, November 24. pany, whose cotton manufacturing British naval forces recently captured plant, employing 18,000 persons, is said a large German submarine, according to the Corriere Della Sera. The news-paper says that a British mine sweeper landed thirteen sailors and two officers of the crew of the submarine at an

# PLANS UNDER WAY TROOPS LOSE HOPE OF EARLY RETURN FOR UNIQUE PARTY

Demonstration in Paper Sav- D. C. Militiamen on Border ing, Thanksgiving Eve, Under Now Do Not Expect to Be Home for Christmas. The Star's Auspices.

Staff Correspondent

Transportation to Be Factor.

It is believed that the problem of

transportation will play an important

part in getting the troops back to their

ome stations even after a general o

partial homeward movement is ordered

With about 100,000 militiamen in the

To Enter Regular Army.

Seven men of the 3d Regiment have

made application for discharge in

order that they might enter the regu-

lar army. The Southern Departmen

has issued an order requiring such

discharges whenever application is

made, regardless of any disapproval registered by commanding officers. Ten who obtained their discharge for the purpose of entering the regular establishment are to be given furlough before starting such service. It is believed that only a few of the District goldlers will signify their desire to enter the regular army. In one of the Illipois regiments 100 men have made

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tually was started.

# PRIZES TO BOYS AND GIRLS SEVEN WILL ENTER ARMY

Arrangements are being made in Washington today for one of the most unusual of Thanksgiving eve partie ever held in this city. A committee representing various large department stores and other merchants, is forming irafted by the legislative committee of an organization, under the auspices of he District branch of the Federal Em- The Star, to stage a "bundle-wrapping contest" for prizes of five-dollar gold the Commissioners by President Joseph pieces, in line with the movement to save waste paper, particularly excess

wrapping paper.

Hundreds and hundreds of boys and girls employed in the stores of Washington as bundle wrappers are to be given a "party" of their own, during which they will see some funny moving pictures, as well as serious moving pictures, of how paper is manufactured. These boys and girls, and many grown-ups, too, will listen to short talks by men who are now getting \$50 and \$60 a week in Washington stores, Ask for Graded Increase.

The proposal of the municipal government union is for a 20 per cent increase for employes receiving less than \$1,000 a year; 15 per cent increase for those receiving more than \$1,000 and less than \$1,500; 10 per cent increase for those receiving \$1,500 to \$2,000, and a 5 per cent increase for all employers and string and in the shortest possible time, and they are to be given the opportunity to hear short talks by store managers and superintendents on how to get an increase of salary and of working up to the top.

### Chance for Competition.

As a final, important part of the pro gram that is now being tentatively laid out, the boys and girls employed as bundle wrappers in Washington stores are to be given a chance to get up on the stage themselves and contest for \$5 gold pieces, the prizes to go to the boys and girls who wrap bundles and packages with the least use of paper and string, and in the shortest space

With about 100,000 militiamen in the border country, it is believed by many officers that many weeks will be spent in getting the troops back, regardless of any orders that may be issued.

The feeling of the District soldiers with regard to their homecoming was evidenced last night when a motion picture film showing the Winthrop range and other points about Washington was exhibited at the Y. M. C. A. building. The men shouted and cheered, and cries of "We want to go home" were heard on all sides.

Even after the showing of the film had been completed the men continued their demonstration in favor of a speedy return. The night before men of the 7th Illinois Regiment made a similar demonstration when a film showing Fort Sherldan and other places within their state was exhibited here. Hereafter, it is believed, films that would tend to make the soldiers more homesick than otherwise would be the case will not be included on the association's movie program. The committee in charge of the arrangements for the "party" announced today that they will welcome the cotoday that they will welcome the cooperation of all Washington merchants.

E. H. Kettner, an assistant superintendent of Woodward & Lothrop, Inc., has
been named as chairman and so far has
the assistance of J. R. Palmer, superintendent of the Palais Royal; George S.
De Neale, superintendent of S. Kann, Sons
& Co.; Mark Dobrin, manager of Goldenberg's department store; Samuel Hart,
general manager of Lansburgh & Bro.'s
dry goods store; C. L. Marlow, superintendent of Hecht & Co. and Bailey Shumate, representing Parker, Bridget & Co.
The names of other committeemen who
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J. Madison Carroll, representing the Mode, dealers in gentlemen's furnishings, will be one of the experts who will demonstrate bundle wrapping to the boys and girls; Kirk Levis of Goldenberg's will be another demonstrator; William Schmucker of Lansburgh & Bro. also will appear on the stage as an expert; Mrs. Daisy Faunce of S. Kann, Sons & Co. also will assist, and a number of other stores will send experts to show the boys and girls just how bundles should be wrapped and just how they can be wrapped without wasting paper and string.

The exact hour and place for the "party" have not yet been set, beyond the fact that it is to take place Thanksgiving eve.

## Merchants Interested.

Washington merchants took a deep interest in the "party." It was pointed out that it will be an event of th greatest importance to the general oublic of Washington, many woman householders having recently complained of the great amount of trash that is coming into their homes in the form of waste paper, which brings a constant effort to get rid of waste. While the underlying effort of the merchants and others who ar who probably will become interested in the "party" is to bring about a saving of paper, it was pointed out that the occasion will be a novel one for the occasion will be a novel one for the boys and girls present, as they will not only be entertained by funny pictures, but they will have the pleas-ure of seeing boys and girls with whom they associate every day get-ting up on the stage and possibly walking off with a five-dollar gold view which certainly will come in handy as spending money for very hand Christmas.

# THINKS THE REPUBLICANS WILL CONTROL NEXT HOUSE

#### Edmund F. Erk of Pittsburgh There fore Starts Campaign for the Office of Clerk.

Edmund F. Erk of Pittsburgh, Pa. has announced himself as a candidate for clerk of the House of Representatives, and he and his friends are busy rounding up support among the republican members-elect of the next Conclaims, to secure his indorsement for for violations would be withheld.

the place by the Pennsylvania delegation.

Mr. Erk, who for more than twenty years was connected with the newspapers of Pittsburgh, came to Washington about seven years ago to act as secretary of Representative Stephen G. Porter, and he has served with Mr. Porter and other representatives in that capacity ever since. The clerkship of the House, Mr. Erk's friends say, is looked upon by many as peculiarly a Pennsylvania appointment. James Kerr of Clearfield, Pa., was clerk for four years, and the late Maj. Alexander McDowell of Sharon, Pa., held the place for fourteen years.

## TRISH REVOLUTION COMING.

#### Funds Collected in Boston to Buy Rifles for "Fight Very Soon."

BOSTON, November 24.-Speakers who asked for funds to support another revolution in Ireland, asserting that "the Dublin rebels are going to fight again and ight very soon," obtained subscriptions at a meeting here last night. The money, t was said, will be used to purchase rifles. so that "when the next rebellion breaks the rebels will have modern guns instead

# INAUGURAL HEAD TO BE NAMED SOON

National Committeeman Cos-About Chairman.

District leaders, both political and BY J. CROSBY McCARTHY, SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Camp Wilson question of who will be inaugura November 24 - The big outlay of money

the government is making in this camp While John F. Costello, the demo to protect the militiamen from the cold is beginning to make the members of the National Guard of the District of eral days, ostensibly on "a hunting Columbia feel that perhaps they were wrong in their belief they would be the national headquarters in New York. Although told the mess halls, tent and shower baths would be sheathed in and otherwise fortified against winter,

the militiamen did not appreciate that these preparations might indicate ar extended stay here until the work ac

For the past two days a big force of men has been at work on the mess hall and other structures in the 3d Regiment camp. Great piles of boards and many rolls of weather paper have been used in inclosing the buildings. With Christmas just a month away the soldiers from Washington are beginning to feel that their chances for a return before that time are slipping away. Confers at New York Headquarters Several other members of the na tional committee have been in conference with him in New York today. It is the general understanding that the inaugural chairmanship is receiving their attention.

Now that the President has turned over this appointment to Mr. McCormick and since a congratulatory message has been received at the White House from Charles E. Hughes conceding the election, business leaders in Washington can see no reason why the naming of the men to take observe of

Washington can see no reason why the naming of the man to take charge of the inaugural celebration should be longer delayed.

Several bankers—republican as well as democratic—said today that the work of collecting a guarantee fund for the celebration and of organizing committees and perfecting plans for the celebration March 6 entails a great deal of hard work for District men. They feel that the appointment should be made just as soon as possible by be made just as soon as possible by Mr. McCormick, that the District com-

# Record Crowd Is Predicted

From inquiries regarding reservations at the principal hotels and from prominent men from a number of states who have been visitors in the very large crowd of visitors will be here for the inaugural ceremonies in March.

Dozens of letters regarding reserva-tions are being received each day at most of the Washington hotels and the hotel proprietors from past exper-iences forecast that the influx of visitlences forecast that the influx of visitors at the inaugural period will be as large as ever came to the city.

Dr. John W. Coughlin, democratic national committeeman from Massachusetts, who was here yesterday, stopping at the Raleigh Hotel, said Massachusetts will have a big representation here on March 5. He is now busy organizing the delegation that will represent the Bay state in the inaugural parade and predicts that it augural parade and predicts that it will be the largest and finest looking section that ever came here for such an

#### AGREE ON TEST CASE "Massachusetts will have a turnout OF THE ADAMSON LAW

Attorneys for Government and th Railroads Forward Agreement to Washington for Approval.

KANSAS CITY, November 24 .- A tentative agreement on a test case of the Adamson law has been reached by the attorneys of the railroads and the government, who have been in conference here yesterday and today. The agreement has been forwarded to Attorney General Gregory at Washington, and the conference here will await his action upon it.

Announcement of the tentative agreement was made today, but attorneys participating in the conference here nore than a year ago was brought here more than a year ago was brought here more than a year was a feature of the Grand Army semicence said that they were not ready to it was hung out on the dome of the

ence said that they were not ready to state their terms.

Hearings before Judge John C. Pollock in Kansas City, Kan., on the injunction suit brought by the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railway will not be held, it was said, until final action on the agreement is taken.

Meanwhile, witnesses for the government and for the Santa Fe are being detained in Judge Pollock's court.

## TO AWAIT COURT RULING.

#### Adamson Act Provisions Not to Be Enforced Now.

Under a tentative agreement said today to have been arranged between Detheory that the republicans will control the organization of the House. There will be a stated on the state of sustice of the transfer of the state of sustice of the transfer of the state of sustice of the transfer of the transfer of transfer of the transfer of the transfer of transfer of transfer of transfer of the transfer of transfer There will be at least thirty republi-until the Supreme Court of the United can members from Pennsylvania in the States has determined the law's connext House and he has assurances of stitutionality. The measure becomes support from enough of these, he effective January 1, but prosecutions

## POSITION OF SOUTHERN.

Asking Courts to Interpret Eight-Hour Law, Says President Harrison. President Fairfax Harrison of the Southern railway has issued a statement to the effect that the Southern system is asking the courts to interpret the Adamson eight-hour law pending an attempt to enforce the law.

"There is such an irreconcilable difference between the interpretation of the rebels will have modern guns instead of clubs and pitchforks."

The meeting, at which tribute was paid to Irish patriots of other years, was addressed by Peter Gordon of New York and Luke Dillon of Philadelphia.

J. D. Archbold Under the Knife, NEW YORK, November 24.—John D. Archbold, president of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, was operated upon for appendicitis at his home here last night, it was learned today. He passed a comfortable night and his condition was declared today to be reassuring. the law upon which the lawyers agree

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business, are today hopeful that a de cision will be reached very soon on the

cratic national committeeman from the District, has been out of town for sevtrip," it was learned today that he is at That the inaugural chairmanship is the most important reason calling him to New York at this time is admitted by political associates.

Vance McCormick, the national chairman, to whom President Wilson delegated the duty of naming the inaugura chairman, reached New York from Harrisburg, Pa., last night.

mittees may get to work.

# for Inaugural Ceremonies; **Demand on Hotels Begins**

## Predicts Record Representation.

n the inaugural parade," said Dr. Coughlin, "that will show the old Bay colony living up to its history and traditions in support of the government and strong for peace even though our people have always done themselves proud when they had to fight for it. Our textile mills our shoe factories and other industries on which the the people depend for a livelihood are

it was hung out on the dome of the Capitol and illuminated by search-

Club Accepts Invitation. Dr. S. J. Spaulding, president of the McKinley Club of Canton, was in Washington yesterday and said that the club has voted to accept an invitation to participate in the inaugural parade. This club has recently organized a uniformed marching club and a glee club. The marching club has an enrollment of more than 200 men, in-cluding the mayor of Canton and a number of state officials, trained to military precision. This club has just purchased frock coats, silk hats, new flags, and Dr. Spaulding says "any or-ganization that hopes to make a bet-

# HALF DAY SATURDAYS DISCUSSED BY CABINET

them the monster Canton flag

Although Majority Favors Plan, No Decision Will Be Reached for Some Time.

The question of extending the Saturday half holiday for government clerks throughout the entire year was discussed at length at the cabinet meeting with the President today. No conclusion was reached, and following the meeting several members of the cabinet indicated that probably no decision will be reached for some time, because of the discussion provoked at the meet

Mhile a majority of the members favor the movement, which was stated on the recommendation by Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, to the President several months ago, it was learned that one cabinet member in particular, and possibly another, opposed the extension of the Saturday half holiday.

#### Some Want Hours Extended. Among those who expressed them selves as favoring the year-round Sat-

urday half holiday, several argued for an extension of hours either in the morning or afternoon on other days to make up for the extra time off.

One member of the cabinet made the statement that he was opposed to the movement because if the government leaves were given the half holiday women. The accident was attributed the church would be but a short time, he to a defective switch.

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# **GRANGE ON RECORD** AGAINST EMBARGO

### PROMPT ACTION IS URGED Adopts Resolution Declaring That Such Action Would Be Unjust to Farmers.

soil would be unjust to farmers of the steps to have an early meeting of the com-Embargoes on any products of th United States, declared a resolution adopted by the National Grange at its closing session today of the ten-day fiftieth anniversary convention, held at the Raleigh Hotel.

the matter of the high cost of living. absolving the agriculturalists from any blame for conditions, was due to be passed by the grange this afternoon before adjournment.

The "farmers' brief," aiming to set

The resolution against embargoes on products of the soil was enthusiastically adopted by the grangers, who hold that such embargoes would be unjust to farmers, making them produce their control of the produce grain, etc., under such restrictions, while they have to buy their articles of production under other conditions.

#### Headquarters May Return Here.

At the closing session today the National Grange authorized the executive committee to investigate the proposition of re-establishing national headquarters here, and to report at the St. Louis meeting next year.

This matter was brought up by Oliver Wilson, national master of the grange, in his annual address. The National Grange was founded in this city, and

Grange was founded in this city, and for many years its headquarters was in Washington.

The grange went on record today by resolutions condemning the congressional distribution of seed; indorsing the Casey bill on the development of denatured alcohol, and indorsing the Torrens land title registry system, whereby at state expense a land purchaser is assured a clear title.

A resolution condemning the Adamson bill caused lively discussion this morning by the grangers, but the whole matter was finally tabled.

### NOLAN \$3-A-DAY BILL TO BE OBJECT OF DRIVE

capital this week it is evident that a California Representative, Author of Measure, in City Conferring With Congressmen and Others.

will receive a minimum wage of \$3 a day, is to be made at the coming session of Congress. Representative Nolan of California, author of the legislation, has returned to the capital, and is in daily conference with other members of Congress and government officials as well as employes. The bill is in an excellent position. It is on the calendar, having been reported to the House from the committee on labor.

Representative Nolan will have to discover some parliamentary situation permitting the bill to be called up, as in the short session there may be no call for the labor committee. However, if there is a chance to amend any of the many appropriation bills, by adding the three-dollar-a-day bill, it is quite possible that the bill may get through the House in this fashion.

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House in this fashion.

"There can be no excuse for not passing this bill," said Representative Nolan today. "There may have been some reason six months ago, but it has disappeared with the onward rush of increased cost of living. I intend to be on the floor constantly, and to watch every chance, so that I may get this bill up for passage at the first possi-ble moment."

# LABOR WANTS PROMPT PROBE OF LIVING COST

Rigid and Full Investigation of Holding of Foodstuffs and Coal," A. F. of L. Resolution Asks.

BALTIMORE, November 24. prompt, rigid and full investigation by Congress of the holding of foodstuffs and coal "for the purpose of raising prices above the normal rate" was urged in a resolution adopted today by the convention of the American Feder ation of Labor. It also asked for the appointment of a federal commission, which should include among its members representatives of organized labor, to investigate the whole question of the high cost of living.

Hope was expressed that speedy action would be taken and that the commission's report would include a rec-

tion would be taken and that the com-mission's report would include a rec-ommendation for "the prosecution and severe punishment of those found guilty of inflicting upon the public an unwarranted increase in the cost of

# HELD FOR GRAND JURY.

Francis Benton, 21 Years Old. Charged With Attempted Robbery. Francis Benton, twenty-one year old, who, Wednesday afternoon, at-

empted to hold up James Craig of 1726

Wisconsin avenue at the point of a

pistol in a poolroom on Wisconsin ave-

pistol in a poolroom on Wisconsin avenue, was held for the action of the grand jury in \$1.000 bonds today in the Police Court, charged with attempted robbery.

Craig told Judge Mullowny that Benton pointed a revolver at him and demanded his money as he was going up the stairs to a poolroom on the second floor at 1211 Wisconsin avenue. He said he grabbed the revolver from the young man and knocked him down. Detective Scrivener of the seventh precinct was given a description of the wouldbe robber and arrested him a short time later.

Twelve Hurt in "L" Accident. NEW YORK, November 24.-Twelve ersons were injured, several perhaps atally, today, when the last car of a

time later.

# whole day off. In view of the extensive discussion, it is thought that the President will not take official action in this matter soon and that he will wait until all members of the cabinet have had an opportunity to express fully to him their views on this subject. SAYS MILK FAMINE THREATENS DISTRIC THREATENS DISTRICT

W. A. Simpson, Dealer, Writes to P. T. Moran, Urging Embargo on Food Products.

# TO PLAN LINE OF ACTION

With information that a milk famine is threatened in Washington, due, indirectly, to the export of food products from this country, P. T. Moran, president of the Chamber of Commerce, today took mittee which he recently appointed to investigate the high cost of living. This committee, of which John G. Capers is chairman, is expected to be called the first part of next week and to determin on a line of action which may alleviate food conditions in Washington. An apthe farmer right before the country on peal may be made to President Wilson, in which organizations throughout the country may co-operate, in a request to

"Feed America First." The milk situation, which is believed by the officers of the Chamber of Commerce to be worse than the situation with regard to any other commodity although rising prices have caused much anxiety in many fields, was brought before the heads of the chambrought before the heads of the cham-ber in a letter received today. It is from W. A. Simpson, proprietor of one of the largest dairies in this part of the country. Mr. Moran, immediately upon its receipt, took action to have the committee arrange for a meeting. This committee has already started an investigation of conditions affecting various commodities.

# Text of the Letter.

Mr. Simpson's letter to President Moran says: "I am writing to you as president of the Chamber of Commerce to ask if

it is any way possible for your organization to make an appeal to the Presi-

ation to make an appeal to the President of the United States to have an embargo placed on the exporting of foodstuffs from this country.

"Your organization alone, perhaps, could not have this done, but you could communicate with kindred bodies in other cities and have public sentiment aroused to such an extent by a newspaper campaign that such a step would be advisable.

"I know that conditions in my business are becoming worse every day, the supply of milk becoming shorter and the expenses necessary to run the business becoming greater, due to the increased cost of all products on the markets today. The time has passed when the price of the necessities of life was a factor. It is now a question as to whether the people can obtain these necessities at any price.

Milk Famine Threatened.

Milk Famine Threatened. "I note in the papers this morning that the city of New York is coronted with the question of a serious A big drive to enact the Nolan \$3-afood famine, and I know that from the day bill, whereby government employes decrease in the supply of milk I rewill receive a minimum wage of \$3 a ceive that if conditions are not better

# NO NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN SUBMARINE SITUATION

U. S. Awaiting Further Information From Berlin, It Is Announced,

After Cabinet Meeting.

Revival of sensational rumors of renewal of ruthless submarine warfare by Germany and consequent action by the United States were met today by the statement of officials here that the situation, while delicate, was absolutely unchanged and would be until the

United States had gathered all the evidence on recent attacks. The State Department still is awaiting the result of investigation. It is made clear that a severance of diplomatic relations would follow any violation of the pledges from Berlin. Following today's cabinet meeting, Secretary Lansing and other members secretary Lauring and said there were no new developments in the submarine question. While officials admitted it contained serious possibilities, it was insisted that the

### American government is awaiting fur-ther information from Berlin. FORMAL REQUEST MADE FOR PRINCE TO TESTIFY

unwarranted increase in the cost of living."

The necessity of placing an embargo, as far as our international trade agreements will permit, on the export of wheat and other foodstuffs before the outbreak of the European war, also was urged upon President Wilson and Congress by the resolution.

The Department of Justice was urged in an adopted resolution to institute investigations immediately through federal grand juries in the larger cities of the United States, for the purpose of obtaining evidence of alleged illegal conspiracies to compel the payment of "extortionate prices for papers used in the printing industry."

Formal request that Prince Hatzfeldt, counselor of the German embassy, appear as a material witness against Karl Armgaard Graves, self-styled international spy, has been made by the State Department in a note to Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador. Graves was arrested here recently on a charge of attempting to extort \$3,000 from Countess von Bernstorff. He is now out on ball, awaiting a preliminary hearing December 6.

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The request has been forwarded to the German foreign office in Berlin. Ultimately it will come before Emperor William, who must give his personal approval before the prince can appear.

# FLORIDA ELECTION RESULTS.

#### Official Report Shows Prohibition-Independent Is Elected Governor. TALLAHASSEE, Fla., November 24 .-

Complete official returns from this state

Quebec Catholic Church Burned. QUEBEC, November 24.—Fire today destroyed the Limoilou Roman Catholic here, with a property loss estimated at \$180,000. Fifteen years ago